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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7797

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FOR SCA, ARA/MGT, VO, SCS, PPT

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TAGS: CGEN, PN

SUBJECT: CONSULAR PACKAGE - GY-1978

REF: STATE 096907

1. SCHEDULE I - IMMIGRANT VISAS

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(#)ESTIMATE ESTIMATE

1. IV'S ISSUED	1402	1435	1450	1950
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2. IV'S REFUSED	11	15	15	25
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3. TOTAL IV CASES	1413	1450	1465	1975
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MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN:

4. FULL TIME PERMANENT	1759	1785	1815	2500
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5. TEMPORARY DETAIL	0	0	0	0
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6. PIT 0 0 0 0
 7. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN-HOURS 1759 1785 1815 2500
 LOCAL:
 8. FULL TIME PERMANENT 4189 4300 4425 5560
 9. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0
 10. PIT 0 0 0 0
 11. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN HOURS 4189 4300 4425 5560
 12. TOTAL IV MAN-HOURS 5948 6185 6240 8060
 OF TOTAL IV CASES REQUIRING:
 18. USE OF INTERPRETER 0.05PCT
 19. PARAKEET OR BOULDER 0.05PCT
 20. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK 25.PCT

2. SCHEDULE II - NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS:

BUREAU: ARA

COUNTRY AND POST: PANAMA

21. NIV'S ISSUED 14036 14400 15200 16260
 22. NIV'S REFUSED 1536 1580 1660 1625
 23. TOTAL NIV CASES 15572 15980 16860 17885
 MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:
 AMERICAN:
 24. FULL TIME PERMANENT 1967 1975 2000 2140
 25. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 160
 26. PIT 0 0 0 0
 27. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN-HOURS 1967 1975 2000 2300
 LOCAL:
 28. FULL TIME PERMANENT 2260 2270 2300 2650
 29. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 160
 30. PIT 0 0 0 0
 31. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN-HOURS 2260 2270 2300 2810
 32. TOTAL NIV MAN HOURS 4227 4245 4300 5110
 37. NIV FEES COLLECTED \$873.00
 38. BORDER C. CARDS FY-75 0
 39. CREW LIST VISAS FY-75 0
 40. NAMES ON CREW LIST VISAS FY-75 0
 OF TOTAL NIV CASES REQUIRING:
 41. INTERVIEWS 80PCT
 42. USE OF INTERPRETER .5PCT
 43. PARAKEET OR BOULDER .5PCT
 44. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK 8PCT

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3. SCHEDULE III - SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES:

BUREAU: ARA

COUNTRY AND POST: PANAMA

46. AMERICAN CITIZEN DEATHS 7 10 12 12
 47. ESTATE/PROPERTY CLAIMS 0 1 1 1
 48. NOTARIALS 3130 3300 3350 3400
 49. WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS# 117 160 180 200

50. ARRESTS	26	42	50	50	
51. SEAMEN AND SHIPPING		10	10	10	10
52. OTHER AGENCY SERVICES		14000	14500	15000	15500
53. TOTAL SCS CASES	17290	18023	18603	19173	
MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:					
AMERICAN:					
54. FULL TIME PERMANENT		736	760	780	800
55. TEMPORARY DETAIL		0	0	0	0
56. PIT	0	0	0	0	
57. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN-HOURS	736	760	780	800	
LOCAL:					
58. FULL TIME PERMANENT		2944	3000	3050	3100
59. TEMPORARY DETAIL		174	46	0	0
60. PIT	108	236	282	282	
61. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN-HOURS	3226	3282	3332	3382	
62. TOTAL SCS MAN-HOURS	3962	4042	4112	4182	
68. TREASURY CHECKS FY-75	55,856				

#PREVIOUS REPORTS NARROWLY DEFINED THIS NUMBER TO INCLUDE ONLY THOSE CASES IN "WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS" FILE; THIS REPORT INCLUDES BOTH THOSE CASES AND THOSE IN "ASSISTANCE TO CITIZENS" FILE. IN ALL CASES REPORTED A FILE HAD BEEN CREATED.

4. SCHEDULE IV - CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT SERVICES:

BUREAU: ARA

COUNTRY AND POST: PANAMA

69. PPT APPLICATIONS EXECUTED##	2850	3000	2850	2850
70. PPT APPLICATIONS EXAMINED	0	0	0	0
71. FEE PASSPORTS ISSUED	2741	2900	2750	2750
72. NO-FEE PPT'S ISSUED	0	0	0	0
73. PPT'S AMENDED OR EXTENDED	350	400	400	400
74. NEW REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS	12	12	15	15
75. REPORTS OF BIRTH	143	143	150	150

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76. WITNESS TO MARRIAGE	0	0	0	0
77. WAIVER OF PASSPORTS	0	0	0	0
78. SUB-TOTAL PPT CASES	6096	6455	6165	6165
79. IDENTIFY CARDS ISSUED	4	4	4	4
80. OTAL PPT CASES	6100	6459	6169	6169
MAN HOURS UTILIZED:				
AMERICAN:				
81. FULL TIME PERMANENT	1104	1150	1120	1120
82. TEMPORARY DETAIL	0	0	0	0
83. PIT	0	0	0	0
84. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN-HOURS	1104	1150	1120	1120
LOCAL:				
85. FULL TIME PERMANENT	2576	2650	2620	2620
86. TEMPORARY DETAIL	0	0	0	0
87. PIT	0	0	0	0

88. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN-HOURS 2576 2650 2620 2620
89. TOTAL PPT MAN-HOURS 3680 3800 3740 3740
95. AMERICANS REGISTERED (3/31/76) 1800
AMERICAN CITIZEN RESIDENT:

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96. OFFICIAL 431
97. NON-OFFICIAL 5500

##INCLUDING OFFICIAL PASSPORT APPLICATIONS EXECUTED

5. SCHEDULE V - CONDITIONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS:

BUREAU: ARA
COUNTRY AND POST: PANAMA
FY-1975

HOURS GAINED	AMERICAN	LOCAL
OVERTIME	175	20
HOURS LOST	AMERICAN	LOCAL
DETAILS OUT	216	0
STAFFING GAPS	400	0
PROLONGED LEAVE	0	0

6. SCHEDULE VI - POSITION:

BUREAU: ARA
COUNTRY AND POST: PANAMA

AMERICANS:	VISAS	SCS	PPT	GENERAL	TOTAL
105. AUTHORIZED 6/30/75	2	1/2#	1/2#	1	4
106. AUTHORIZED 3/31/76	2	1/2	1/2	1	4
107. FILLED 3/31/76	2	1/2	1/2	1	4

INCREASE/DECREASE: 0 0 0 0 0

18 REQUIRED FY-1977 2 1/2 1/2 2 5

109. REQUIRED FY-1978 2 1/2 1/2 2 5

#ONE OFFICER OCCUPIES POSITION OF BOTH PPT AND SCS OFFICERS

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LOCALS:

105. AUTHORIZED 6/30/75 4 1 2 1 8

106. AUTHORIZED 3/31/76 4 1 2 1 8

107. FILLED 3/31/76 4 1 2 1 8

INCREASE/DECREASE: 0 0 0 0 0

108. REQUIRED FY-1977 4 1 2 1 8

109. REQUIRED FY-1978 4 1 2 1 8

AS IN LAST YEARS PACKAGE WE CONTINUE TO SHOW A NEEDED INCREASE OF ONE AMERICAN SECRETARY IN FY-1977. THIS IS BASED ON PROJECTIONS THAT WORKLOAD WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE AND, AS REFLECTED IN FIGURES FOR FY-1978, MAY JUMP CONSIDERABLY IN THAT YEAR BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. IF A TREATY IS NEGOTIATED AND RATIFIED WE ANTICIPATE THERE WILL BE AN EXODUS OF AMERICANS, BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY WITH ALIEN SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS. WE WOULD LIKELY ASSUME THE WORKLOAD OF THE VISA OFFICE OF THE CANAL ZONE GOVERNMENT. CONVERSELY, IN THE ABSENCE OF A TREATY, WE WILL LIKELY FACE A SITUATION HERE WHICH COULD ALSO RESULT IN AN EXODUS OF AMERICANS AND ALIENS AS WELL AS OTHER PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD CONSIDERABLY INCREASE OUR WORKLOAD. WE DO NOT FEEL JUSTIFIED IN ASKING FOR AN OFFICER BUT A SECRETARY, AT FSSO-6 LEVEL WITH SALARY OF \$11,758, WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE MANY OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES NOW PERFORMED BY OFFICERS, I.E. HANDLING AND TYPING OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL, AND LEAVE THE OFFICERS MORE TIME TO DEAL WITH AN INCREASING WORKLOAD WHICH IS REFLECTED MAINLY IN INCREASED SERVICES TO AMERICANS AND INCREASED ATTENTION ON THE PART OF VISA OFFICERS TO THE EVER PRESENT FRAUD PROBLEM. THIS NEED IS FURTHER ENHANCED BY THE FACT THAT THE CONSULAR SECTION HAS RECENTLY BEEN RELOCATED TWO BLOCKS FROM THE CHANCERY. THIS INCREASE IN STAFF IS REFLECTED IN THE FIELD BUDGET ESTIMATES SENT BY THE EMBASSY IN JULY 1975.

7. SCHEDULE VII- FEDERAL BENEFITS, FRAUD, ETC.:

BUREAU: ARA

COUNTRY AND POST: PANAMA

A. FEDERAL BENEFITS ACTIVITY:

NUMBER OF SSA REIMBURSED:

AMERICAN 0 LOCAL 0

HOURS WORKED BY OCCUPANTS OF THESE POSITIONS ON WORK OTHER THAN FEDERAL BENEFITS:

AMERICAN N/A LOCAL N/A

HOURS WORKED BY REGULAR (NON-REIMBURSED) CONSULAR EMPLOYEES ON UNCLASSIFIED

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FEDERAL BENEFITS:

AMERICAN 288 LOCAL 1196

ESTIMATED INCREASE OVER FIVE YEARS AGO 16.5PCT

ESTIMATED INCREASE DURING NEXT FIVE YEARS 20PCT

B. FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS:

OUTSIDE INVESTIGATIONS

(3) DONE BY CONSULAR SECTION

(B) REGULAR PERSONNEL

MANHOURS FOR:

AMERICAN 160 LOCAL 130C

REGISTERED ITS CONCERN TO LEVEL OF ATTORNEY GENERAL IN PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT WHERE NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN TARDY. IN MOST CASES FRIEND OR FAMILY ARE AVAILABLE TO NOTIFY EMBASSY.

(B) DESCRIBE ANY PROTECTION PROBLEMS:

SEVERE SENTENCES, UNRELIABLE LAWYERS, PHYSICAL ABUSE, POOR LIVING CONDITIONS, ETC.:

THERE ARE AT PRESENT THREE CONCERNS REGARDING PROTECTION, NONE OF WHICH ARE MAJOR PROBLEMS AT THIS TIME BUT WHICH BEAR WATCHING IN THE FUTURE:

(1) DELAY IN BRINGING CASES TO TRIAL

(2) RISING ATTORNEYS' FEES, ESPECIALLY IN DRUG-RELATED CASES

(3) INCREASINGLY CROWDED CONDITIONS IN CARCEL MODELO IN PANAMA CITY WITH CORRESPONDING UNSANITARY CONDITIONS.

(C) DESCRIBE POST'S PROTECTION PROGRAM, INCLUDING VISITATION AND MAN-HOURS USED, IN ARREST CASES:

ONE CONSULAR OFFICER HAS AS PART OF HIS RESPONSIBILITY THE PROTECTION PROGRAM. HE GAINS ACCESS TO PRISONER ASAP TO DETERMINE
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WELFARE. DEPENDING ON WISH OF PRISONER, HE NOTIFIES FAMILY AND MAKES CONTACT WITH LAWYER OF PRISONER'S CHOOSING. WHEN CALLED FOR, THE CASE IS REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT. CONTACT IS MAINTAINED WITH THE PRISONER BY VISITS AT LEAST EVERY TWO WEEKS. NEEDED ITEMS OF FOOD AND CLOTHING ARE OBTAINED FOR PRISONER FROM FUNDS PROVIDED BY PRISONER OR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INFORMED OF PROGRESS OF CASE (IF PRISONER SO DESIRES). THE DEPARTMENT IS INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN CASE, INCLUDING FINAL DISPOSITION. THE CONSULAR OFFICER IS PRESENTLY SPENDING APPROXIMATELY 300 MAN-HOURS PER YEAR ON THE PROTECTION PROGRAM.

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